Ciarfella Mark R Form 4 December 29, 2011

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ciarfella Mark R Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP [SBAC]

(Check all applicable)

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/27/2011

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below) below)

C/O SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, 5900 BROKEN SOUND PARKWAY, NW

(State)

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

BOCA RATON, FL 33487

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A Common 12/27/2011 M 25,000 25,529 D Stock Class A \$ Common 12/27/2011  $S^{(1)}$ 25,000 D 43.03 529 D Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of torDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.98	12/27/2011		M		25,000	(3)	08/02/2014	Class A Common Stock	25,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.39						<u>(4)</u>	02/28/2015	Class A Common Stock	12,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.68						<u>(5)</u>	03/05/2016	Class A Common Stock	14,607
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.71						<u>(6)</u>	03/04/2017	Class A Common Stock	12,626
Restricted Stock Units	(7)						(8)	(8)	Class A Common Stock	2,161
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.15						<u>(9)</u>	03/04/2018	Class A Common Stock	14,622
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(7)</u>						(10)	(10)	Class A Common Stock	3,365

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ciarfella Mark R C/O SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION 5900 BROKEN SOUND PARKWAY, NW BOCA RATON, FL 33487

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Mark R. Ciarfella 12/29/2011

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The sale occurred pursuant to an existing Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the Reporting Person.
- Represents the weighted average price of the shares sold. The prices of the shares sold pursuant to the transactions ranged from \$43.00 to \$43.11 per share. The Reporting Person, upon request, will provide the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) These options vest in accordance with the following schedule: 6,250 vest on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the grant date (August 2, 2007).
- (4) These options vest in accordance with the following schedule: 4,000 vest on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of the grant date (February 28, 2008).
- (5) These options vest in accordance with the following schedule: 7,303 vest on each of the first through third anniversaries of the grant date and 7,304 vest on the fourth anniversary of the grant date (March 5, 2009).
- These options vest in accordance with the following schedule: 3,156 vest on each of the first and third anniversaries of the grant date and 3,157 vest on each of the second and fourth anniversaries of the grant date (March 4, 2010).
- (7) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock.
- (8) These restricted stock units vest in accordance with the following schedule: 720 vest on each of the first through third anniversaries of the grant date and 721 vest on the fourth anniversary of the grant date (March 4, 2010).
- (9) These options vest in accordance with the following schedule: 3,655 vest on each of the first and third anniversaries of the grant date and 3,656 vest on each of the second and fourth anniversaries of the grant date (March 4, 2011).
- (10) These restricted stock units vest in accordance with the following schedule: 841 vest on each of the first through third anniversaries of the grant date and 842 vest on the fourth anniversary of the grant date (March 4, 2011).

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